



Virginia Indian Advisory Board

Joint Board Meeting with Recognition Workgroup

Tuesday, October 30, 2022

4:00 pm – 5:00pm

Mechanicsville Branch Library
7461 Sherwood Crossing Pl,
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

The joint meeting of the Virginia Indian Advisory Board and the Recognition Workgroup was held in-person with a quorum present.

Board members attending in person:

Ms. Cami Adkins
Mr. Brandon Custalow
Dr. Ashley Spivey
Dr. Gregg Kimball
Ms. Julie Langan

Pamela Ross from the recognition workgroup also attended in person. The following workgroup members attended virtually:

Ms. Jean Kelley
Dr. Gregory Smithers
Dr. Buck Woodard
Dr. Brad Hatch

I. Welcome

Chair Custalow welcomed Board members, representatives of other state offices, and guests including members of the Wolf Creek Cherokee Tribe and their counsel William Hurd. Eric Conyers from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth attended virtually and Ross Phillips from the Office of the Attorney General attended in person.

II. Call to Order

VIAB Chair Brandon Custalow called the meeting to order at 4:21 pm. and moved to the approval of the minutes and meeting agenda.



III. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Chair Custalow asked if anyone had questions about the minutes of the November 17, 2022, meeting that had been distributed electronically. Dr. Kimball moved that they be approved and Ms. Adkins seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Chair Custalow asked if anyone had changes to the proposed agenda. Hearing none, Ms. Langan moved approval of the agenda; the motion was seconded by Ms. Adkins and approved unanimously.

IV. Discussion with Petitioner and Workgroup

Chair Custalow, William Hurd (the counsel for the petitioner), and the Board discussed and settled on a process for review of and comment on the Workgroup's report. The Chair summarized the process thus: 1) The Workgroup will deliver an oral presentation to the Board summarizing the report in December; 2) The report will be released to the petitioner before that meeting; 3) The petitioner will deliver its response to the report as a presentation to the Board within 30 days after the Workgroup presentation (sometime in January); and 4) the Board will subsequently convene to finalize and deliver its recommendation to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

V. Public Comment

Chair Custalow asked for public comment. Hearing none, he moved to closing remarks.

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Dr. Woodard mentioned that petitioner's counsel had sent a letter to the Secretary of Commonwealth which was passed on to the Board and Workgroup Chairs. Since the letter involves FOIA, this will be handled by the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office.

The Board and Workgroup members finalized the scheduling for the Workgroup's oral presentation which will take place at the Mechanicsville Library on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 from 4-6 pm.

Chair Custalow asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Dr. Spivey, seconded by Ms. Langan, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.